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Draft report

Addendum

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II. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995

Section 12B. United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)

1. At its 21st meeting, on 12 October 1993, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 12B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

Discussion

2. Some delegations stressed that the distinct identity of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (UNCHS) should be maintained. They emphasized the importance of shelter as a basic human right, and the need to strengthen the Centre. Other delegations expressed the view that UNCHS and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) had much in common and that placing them under common direction would lead to a rationalization of their respective work programmes, improved coordination of activities and streamlining of support services such as administrative, personnel and liaison services, which could bring resource savings in the longer term.

3. Some delegations sought assurances that the redeployment of resources to preparatory activities of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the Conference itself, as stated in paragraph 12B.18, would not

affect other mandated activities adversely. Some delegations felt that the projected distribution of resources among subprogrammes did not reflect the priority designation contained in the medium-term plan.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 12B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.
